III. REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-17 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 9 and 10 have been amended herein. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is requested.

Claims 1-7, 9, 10, and 12-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Koss (U.S. Patent 5,231,577), hereinafter "Koss". Claims 8 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koss.

Applicants respectfully contend that there are several aspects of the claimed invention which are not taught by Koss. Moreover, Koss does not even entail the overall area of art that is addressed by the present invention, namely importing multiple source text files, each having specific formats, into a single spreadsheet. For example, Koss does not teach or suggest the processing of multiple source text files. As discussed in the "Background of the Invention" section of the present disclosure, Koss does not, *inter alia*, offer "a general solution to the successive importation into a single spreadsheet of multiple source text files having specific formats." ¶0009.

Specifically with respect to claim 1, Applicants submit that Koss does not disclose, *inter alia*, "importing the plurality of source text files into the single spreadsheet

file after the creating the source-format link", or "creating a location link between the imported plurality of source text files and their locations into the single spreadsheet file after the importing". *See* amended claim 1, and similarly in independent claims 9 and 10. Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Koss only speaks to a method and system for processing formatting information in a spreadsheet (*see* Title; claim preambles) and not to any kind of importation, including importing multiple text files each having specific formats, as in the claimed invention. The formatting information that is used in Koss only pertains to a way to provide an improved spreadsheet application that assigns character attributes to spreadsheet cells so as to increase the memory capabilities of the application. Col. 1, lines 58-62.

The Office alleges that Koss teaches the "importing the plurality of source text files into the spreadsheet file after creating the source-format link" (i.e., step c) and "creating a location link between the imported plurality of source text files and their locations into the spreadsheet file after the importing" (i.e., step d) at column 3, line 47-column 5, line 62 and column 8, lines 3-4, respectively. Office Action, item 1, page 4.

With respect to the importing step (above), Applicants have reviewed both the cited section (i.e., column 3, line 47- column 5, line 62), and Koss in its entirety. Applicants do not see any teaching of importing; importing of source text files; source text files; nor any of these attributes occurring after the creation of a source-format link in Koss. The cited section merely speaks, in general, about an XF table 114 which, as the "Summary of the Invention" section of Koss discloses, is a way of storing in a table (i.e.,

XF table) various cell attributes when a user is creating and/or using a spreadsheet. There is no disclosure of any type of use of source text files (singular or multiple). It is not clear to Applicants, based on the citation, how Koss could allegedly anticipate this limitation of the claimed invention.

Second, with respect to the creating step (above), Applicants have reviewed both the cited section (i.e., column 8, lines 3-4), and Koss in its entirety, and fail to see any type of a creation of a location link where the creation link is between a plurality of source text files and their locations into the single spreadsheet file, regardless of whether it is done before, during, or *after* any importing (as in the claimed invention). Applicants contend that because there is no teaching of any importing of a plurality of source text files (see above remarks), logically there cannot be any subsequent creating step (i.e., creating a location link between the imported plurality of source text files and their locations into the spreadsheet). In fact, the cited section (col. 8, lines 3-4) of Koss merely states updating "the index entries in worksheet cells to point to the proper entries in the XF table. When invoked, item 1102 initializes an index into the XF's stored in the file." Both the cited section, and other portions of the paragraph where the cited section resides (i.e., col. 7, line 65 – col. 8, line 18), indicate that *inter alia* there is no teaching of creating any type of a location link *after* importing. In fact, besides a lack of any teaching of importing of source text files, phrases used therein such as "recalculates the indices" (col. 8, line 1); "update the index entries" (col. 8, lines 2-3); and, "reads the old

index from the file" (col. 8, lines 9) suggest, if anything, a clearly opposite teaching from *creating* any type of a location link.
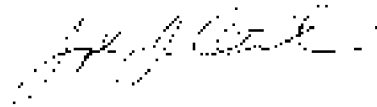
In view of the foregoing, Koss does not anticipate the current invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections. Similarly, independent claims 9 and 10 are believe allowable for the same reasons stated above.

Dependent claims 2-8 and 11-17 are believed allowable for the same reasons stated above, as well as for their own additional features.

IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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